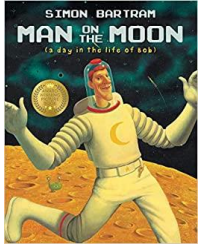


## Hedgehogs Class Autumn Newsletter 2022

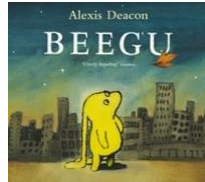
Welcome back to the new school year! I hope you have all had a fantastic summer and had lots of fun and rest, I am very excited to have you all back in school. Throughout Autumn, our topic will be **Space**. Here is an overview of the curriculum areas we will be covering.

### English



Our first book linked to our Space topic is 'Man on the Moon' by Simon Bartram. We will be thinking about the jobs Bob does on the Moon and we will be working towards writing a Postcard to Bob's family to recount what he does on the Moon.

We will spend the remainder of the term reading and writing about the book 'Beegu' by Alexis Deacon. We will be thinking about how Beegu must feel when she arrives on Earth. We will be working towards writing in role, writing a letter and writing a Space narrative.



### Science

Our topic for the term is 'Uses of Everyday Materials' with the key scientist Leo Hendrik Baekeland. We will be building on properties of materials and finding how materials are used for different purposes.



Science

We will regularly look at seasonal changes in our morning routine, linking to the scientist Inez Fung.



### Maths

Year 1s will be learning place value to 10, fact families, number bonds, ordering numbers, addition and subtraction within 10, recognising shapes and moving on to place value to 20.



Maths

Year 2s will be focussing on place value to 20, reading and writing numbers to 100, tens and ones, counting 2s, 5s and 10s, number bonds and adding and subtracting numbers.

We will be using manipulatives throughout both Year 1 and Year 2 mathematics lessons in order to secure our understanding of each unit.

### Phonics

To settle back into Phonics, we will be assessing what we know. Year 1 will be attending daily Phonics lessons, following the Little Wandle scheme, along with some Year 2s who still have gaps in their knowledge. The other Year 2s will be attending SPaG lessons at this time and continuing to use their phonic knowledge throughout their work.



Phonics

### History

As our topic is 'Space' we will be learning about two significant individuals, Neil Armstrong and Tim Peake. We will be looking at their lives as astronauts and describing the impact of what they achieved.



History

We will also be learning about the Moon Landing as our event beyond living memory, and learning about what this has helped us to understand about space.

### RE

This term, our RE unit is Creation where we will be focussing on the big question 'Who created the world?'. We are going to be retelling the story of creation, discussing what the story means, thinking about how Christians say thank you to God and thinking about the questions we have about the world around us.

In Term 2, we will be focussing on Incarnation, and we will be digging deeper into 'Why does Christmas matter to Christians?'.  
RE



RE

## PE

In Term 1, our unit focus is Personal Skills where we will be learning about coordination and static balance on one foot.

In Term 2, our unit focus is Social Skills where we will be learning dynamic balance to agility, by jumping and landing successfully, as well as seated balancing.



PE

## Art

We are going to be developing our painting and collaging skills by creating a rocket picture inspired by the artist Peter Thorpe. We will be using mixed media to create an image of a rocket and using water colours to paint a space background.



Art and Design

## Computing

Our theme for Term 1 is 'Technology around us', where we will be learning to identify the technology in our classroom and the technology we use every day. We will also be developing our keyboard skills and discussing how to use a computer safely. Our theme in Term 2 is 'Creating media', where we will be learning to produce a digital painting and explain the choices we make.



Computing

## Music

During Autumn, we will be sticking to our Space topic and developing our knowledge and understanding of dynamics, timbre, tempo and instruments. We will be listening to Space soundtracks, comparing music inspired by different planets and creating short sequences of sound.



Music

## PSHE

At the start of Term 1, our PSHE will focus on 'What makes a good friend?' where looking at relationships and identifying what to do when we feel lonely and how to manage arguments.



PSHE

In Term 2, we are learning about 'What is bullying?', where we will discuss the correct way people should be treated and how to identify bullying if it is happening to us or someone we know.

## Design and Technology

Linked to our Space topic, we will be designing and making a moveable moon buggy using recycled materials. We will be evaluating pictures of a real moon buggy and thinking of ways we can use particular materials to create our own. We are going to create a list of criteria that we need to meet to make sure our moon buggies are fit for purpose and we will evaluate our progress at the end.



Design Technology

## Homework

Monday – spellings will be sent home to learn in time for Friday's weekly spelling test.

Wednesday – Maths and English/Phonics homework sent home  
– Maths and English/Phonics homework due in

Daily – You should be reading daily with your child/children and recording this in their reading record.



## Information

**Monday** – Miss Richardson is teaching Hedgehogs for whole Mondays on alternating weeks, and half Mondays every other week.

**PE days – Mondays and Thursdays**– Please **bring in PE kits No JEWELLERY SWEATSHIRTS ARE ALLOWED, NO HOODIES, NO LOGOS, NO ZIPS**

**Friday** - Spelling test

- Bring in reading folders on Friday or you will not receive a new book on Monday

